

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 576
By Clabough

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize G. Jacob Sutherland,
2003 Valedictorian of Pigeon Forge High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Sutherland is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class at Pigeon Forge High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Jacob has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, he has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to this stellar academic achievement, Jacob has been involved in a number of activities throughout his high school career; he has been a member of the Beta Club, Student Government, Chorus, the Leo Club, the National Honor Society, Students Against Drunk Driving, Seymour Teens Against Drugs, and the Interact Club, which he served as Finance Committee chairman; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, he has been recognized as a National Merit Scholar; he is listed on the National Honor Roll; he has earned the STAND Leadership Award; and he has participated in the Burroughs and Chapin Leadership Academy; and

WHEREAS, Jacob's noteworthy accomplishments are a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Gary Sutherland and Lynn Sutherland, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, his display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; he plans to attend Rhodes College in the fall; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Sutherland's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2003 Pigeon Forge High School Valedictorian, G. Jacob Sutherland, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.